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Irrigation

Investigation of the scheme for the excavation of a high-level channel from above Kattalai.

*1712 Q.—Mr. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders have been issued subsequent to G.O. Mis. No. 54 I., dated 9th January 1929, abandoning the second item ordered in the said Government Order, viz., the investigation of a scheme to irrigate 50,000 acres in the Trichinopoly and Kulittalai taluks of the Trichinopoly district; and

(b) whether first part of the item No. 3 in the said order relates to the Kattalai bed regulator and the north bank channel?

A.—(a) & (b) In G.O. No. 235 I., dated 26th January 1929, the Government approved of the employment of a special subdivision to investigate the following schemes:—

(i) the restoration of the old course of the Uyyakondan channel;

(ii) the extension of the proposed high-level channel from the Kattalai South Bank canal beyond the point up to which it is now proposed to carry it;

(iii) the shifting of the head of the Thottiam Chinna voikal to a point two miles higher up the Cauvery to see if the needs of the lands irrigated by the Cauvery North Bank channels cannot be met without a bed regulator;

(iv) the improvements necessary to the Peruvalai channel taking off from the Cauvery on the north bank.

In G.O. No. 54 I., dated 9th January 1929, the Government, in replying to certain representations from the Trichinopoly district, had said that they would await the results of the investigation for which a special staff was to be appointed before coming to a decision regarding the following schemes the construction of which was asked for in those representations, namely—

"(2) that . . . a high-level channel may be excavated from above Kattalai to irrigate at least 50,000 acres in Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks;

"(3) that the Kattalai scheme may be carried out soon and that either the high-level channel (apparently the one to branch from the South Bank canal and to irrigate about 9,000 acres) may be excavated, or that the Kattuvari drainage scheme may be carried out immediately; and

"(4) that the head of the Thottiam Chinna voikal be shifted to a point higher up the river in advance of the North Bank canal scheme."

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The Chief Engineer then pointed out that G.O. No. 235 I., dated 26th January 1929, did not order the investigation of the scheme for the excavation of a high-level channel from above Kattalai to irrigate at least 50,000 acres in Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks. Representations were also received by the Government from interested parties in the Trichinopoly district that this scheme also should be investigated. The Government have accordingly ordered that the special staff should investigate also the scheme for the excavation of a high-level channel from above Kattalai.

Land Revenue

Collection of penal assessment on lands cultivated wet in the Kistna Eastern delta.

* 1713 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount of penal assessment collected on lands cultivated wet with Kistna water in Kistna Eastern delta in each of the faslis of 1337, 1336, 1335, 1334 and 1333 and the total number of acres on which the penal assessment has been collected in each fasli; and

(b) whether the Government intend to include all those lands under the ayacut of the delta under the proposed extension of ayacut?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to (1) G.O. No. 1028, Revenue, dated 10th May 1928, which was placed on the table of the House on 3rd September 1928, and (2) the answers to clauses (a) and (b) of question No. 584, which were sent to him on 3rd January 1929. A copy of the latter is attached.[a] The Government have no further information.

(b) The Government cannot answer this without first knowing in respect of each field whether the inclusion fee was paid, and if the inclusion fee was paid, whether the conditions regarding levels have been satisfied.

Failure of crops in the Palghat taluk.

* 1714 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any information since January 1929 about the failure of the second crop in the Palghat taluk; and

(b) whether the Government propose to call for a report or make an enquiry about the said failure of crops?

A.—(a) & (b) The reply to both clauses of the question is in the negative.

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"May I know if the hon. the Revenue Member will at least make an inquiry of his Colleague in the Executive Council as to the conditions in the Palghat taluk?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I have no doubt as to the condition of the taluk, but what is the action that the hon. Member wishes the Government to take?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 86 infra.